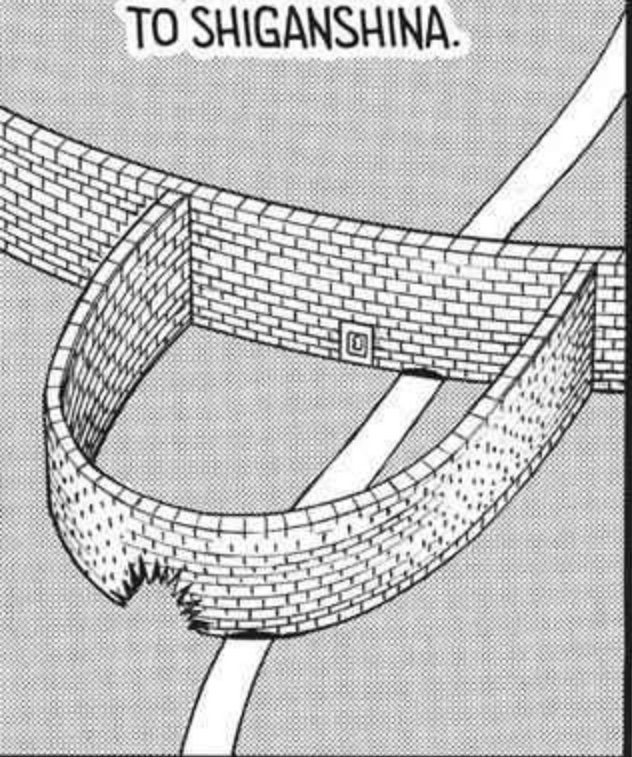
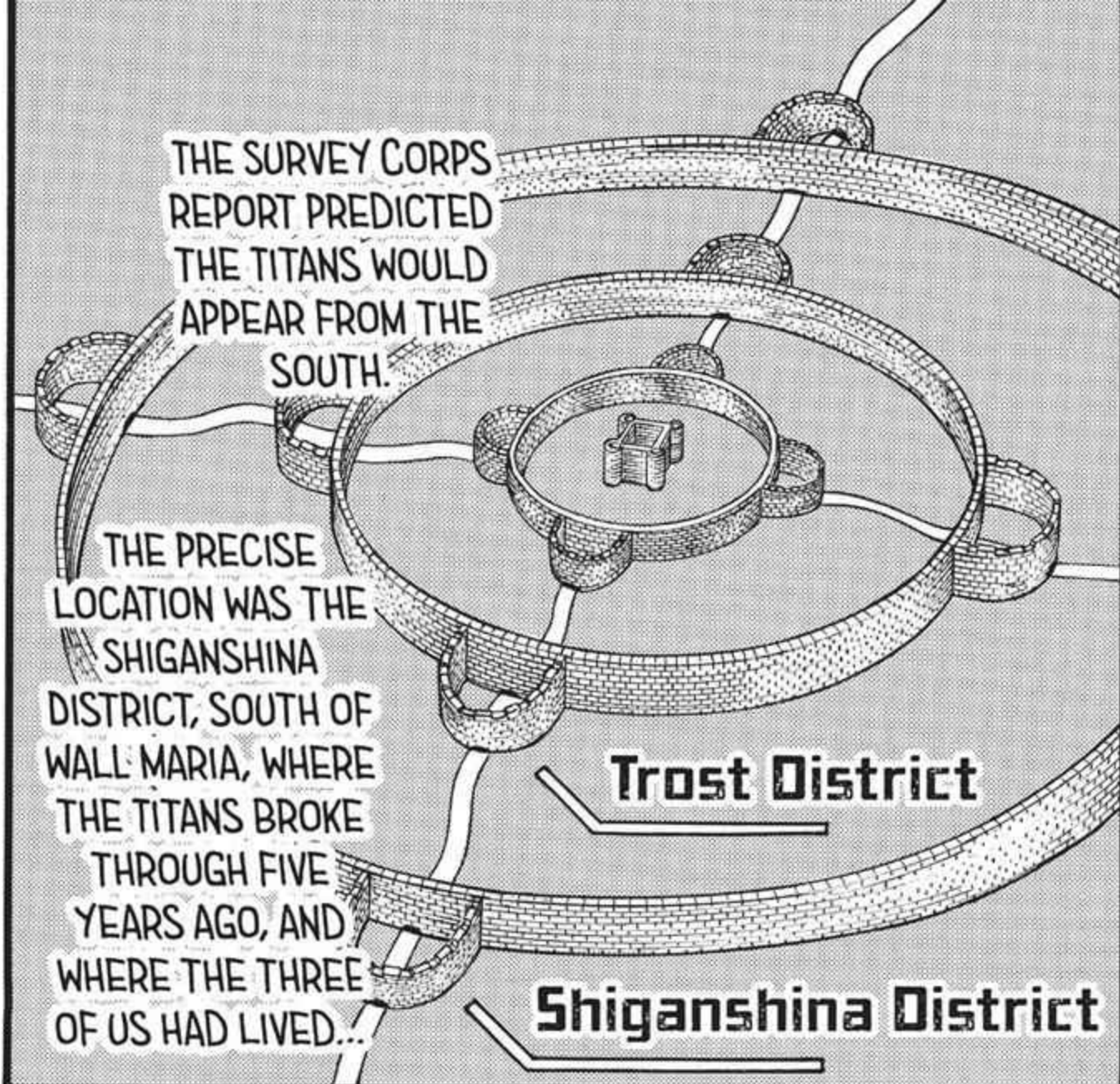


SO THIS WAS  
THEIR NEXT  
LIKELY TARGET,  
TROST, THE  
DISTRICT CLOSEST  
TO SHIGANSHINA.

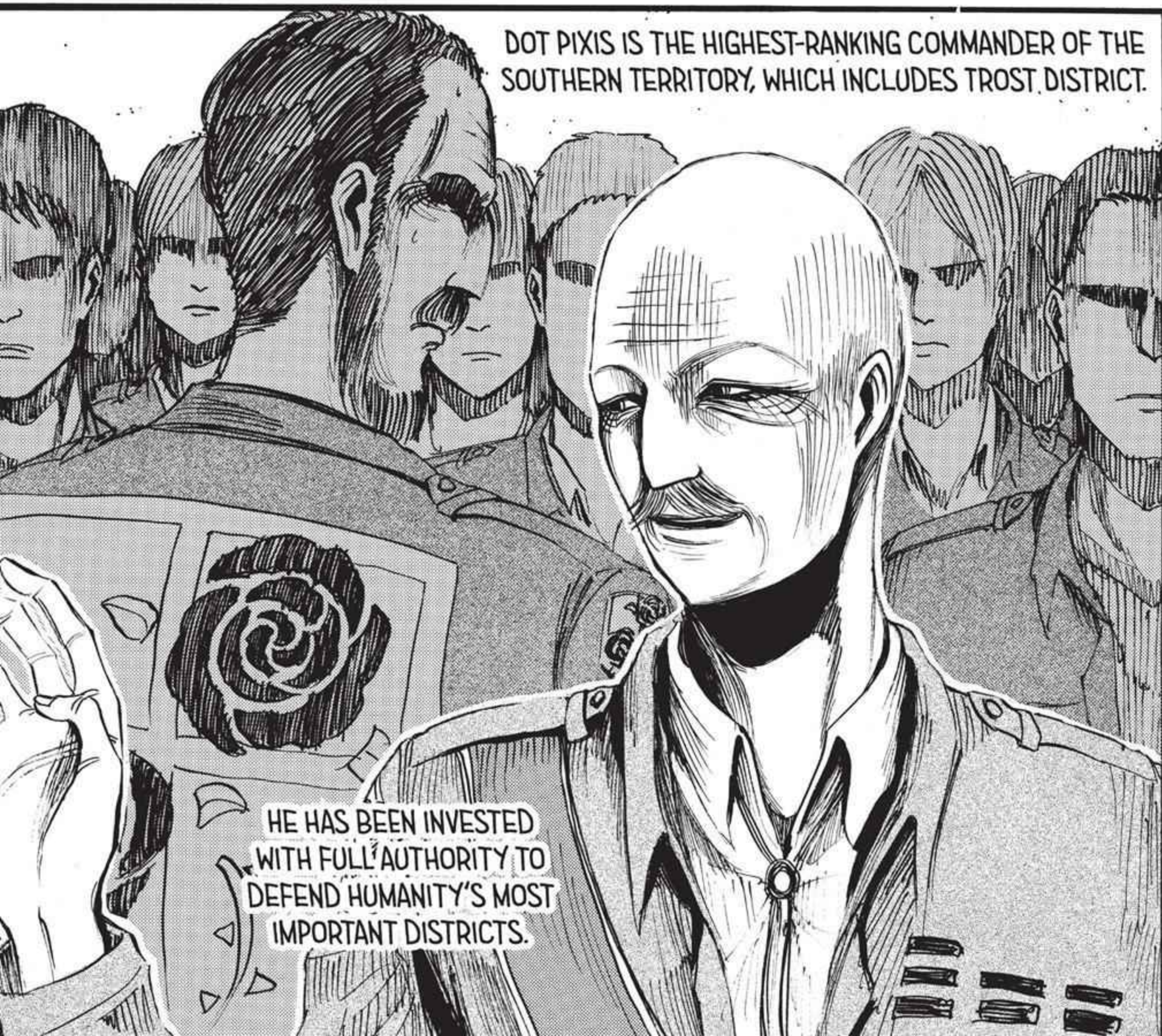


THE SURVEY CORPS  
REPORT PREDICTED  
THE TITANS WOULD  
APPEAR FROM THE  
SOUTH.

THE PRECISE  
LOCATION WAS THE  
SHIGANSHINA  
DISTRICT, SOUTH OF  
WALL MARIA, WHERE  
THE TITANS BROKE  
THROUGH FIVE  
YEARS AGO, AND  
WHERE THE THREE  
OF US HAD LIVED...



DOT PIXIS IS THE HIGHEST-RANKING COMMANDER OF THE  
SOUTHERN TERRITORY, WHICH INCLUDES TROST DISTRICT.



HE HAS BEEN INVESTED  
WITH FULL AUTHORITY TO  
DEFEND HUMANITY'S MOST  
IMPORTANT DISTRICTS.





NOPE,  
STILL  
DON'T  
SPOT  
ONE...

...

AND... HE'S ALSO  
KNOWN AS AN  
INVETERATE  
ECCENTRIC...



Hyooooooo

I REALLY  
WOULDN'T  
MIND BEING  
EATEN, AS  
LONG AS IT  
WAS BY A  
STUNNINGLY  
BEAUTIFUL  
LADY  
TITAN...

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SO YOU BELIEVE THAT BASEMENT ROOM WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE ANSWERS ...?

I SEE ...

Hyooooo



CAN YOU BELIEVE ME, SIR?



...



YES ...



STILL ...



'TIL THEN, I'LL PERSONALLY GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

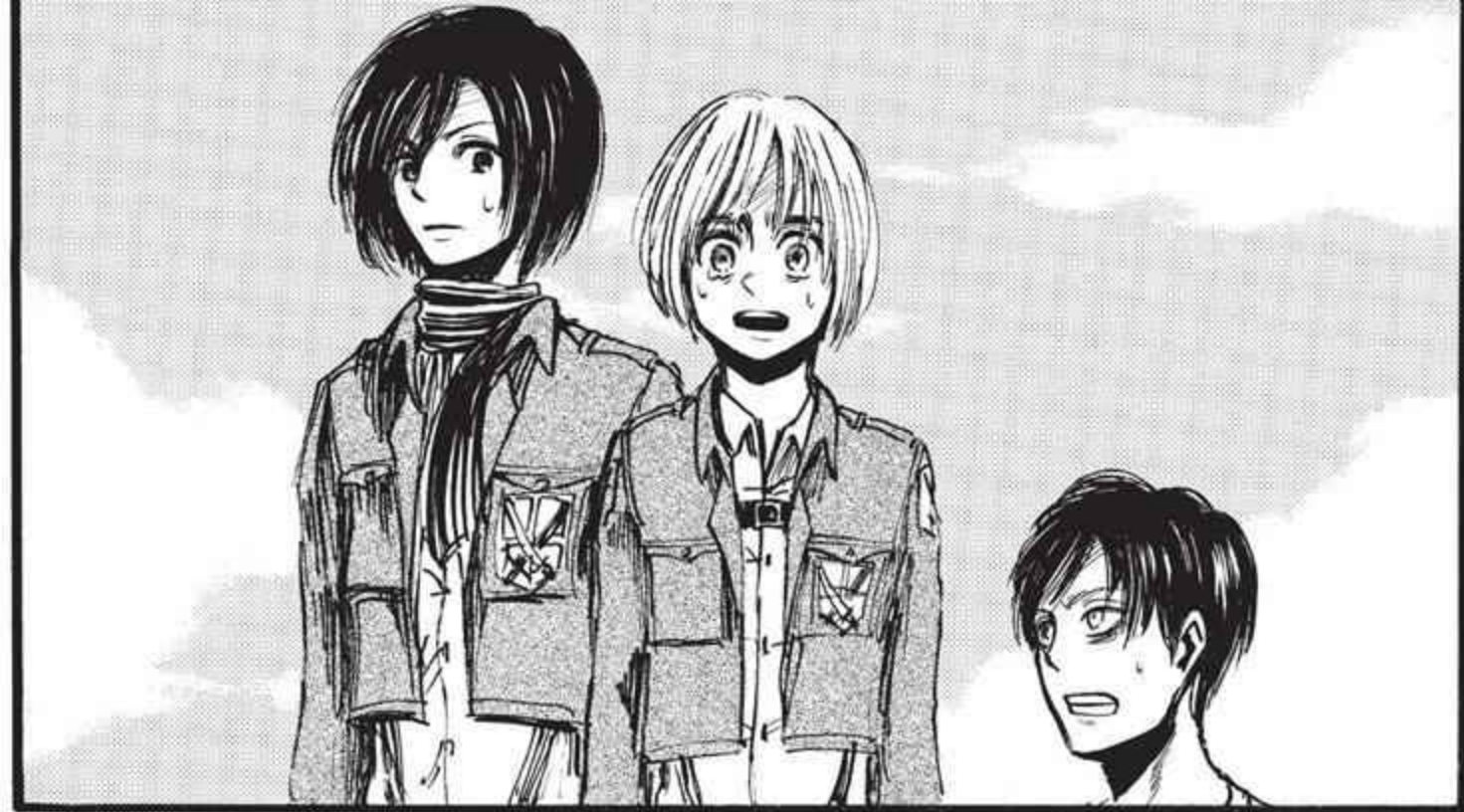
...I EXPECT I'LL BE ABLE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT, BY AND BY.



EVEN YOU YOURSELF DON'T HAVE CONVINCING PROOF..

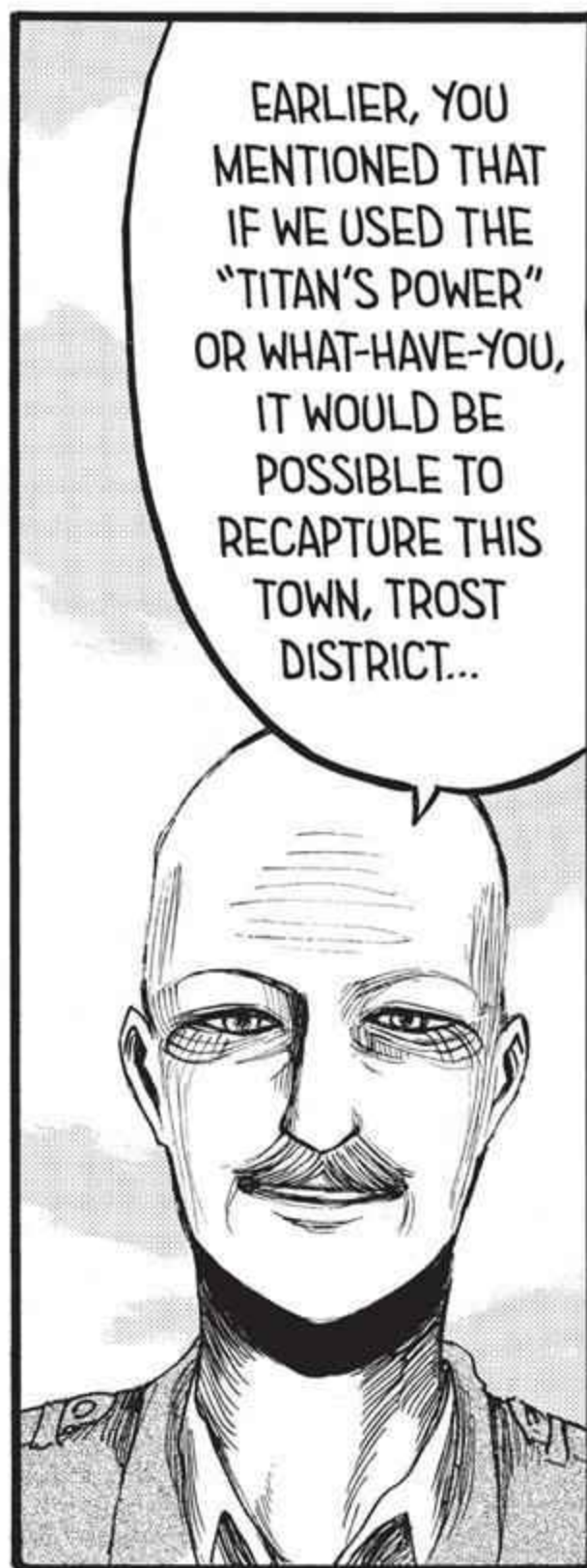
...SO I THINK I'LL JUST KEEP IT FILED AWAY IN MY HEAD FOR NOW.





OR  
WERE  
YOU JUST  
DESPER-  
ATE TO  
STAY  
ALIVE?

DO  
YOU  
REALLY  
BELIEVE  
THAT?



EARLIER, YOU  
MENTIONED THAT  
IF WE USED THE  
"TITAN'S POWER"  
OR WHAT-HAVE-YOU,  
IT WOULD BE  
POSSIBLE TO  
RECAPTURE THIS  
TOWN, TROST  
DISTRICT...



...IS  
IT?

TRAINEE  
ARMIN...

YES,  
SIR!



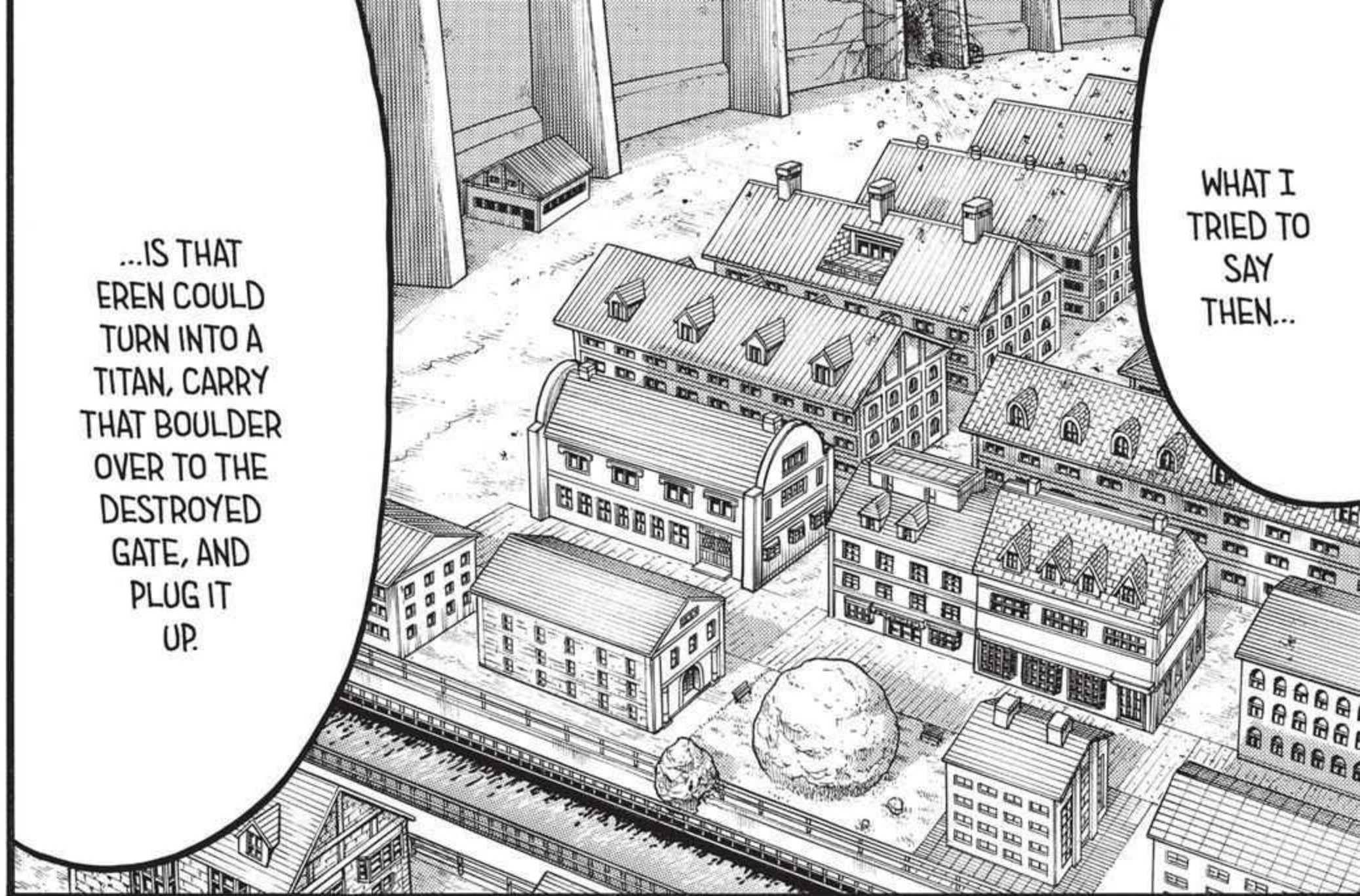
...  
BOTH,  
SIR.

...



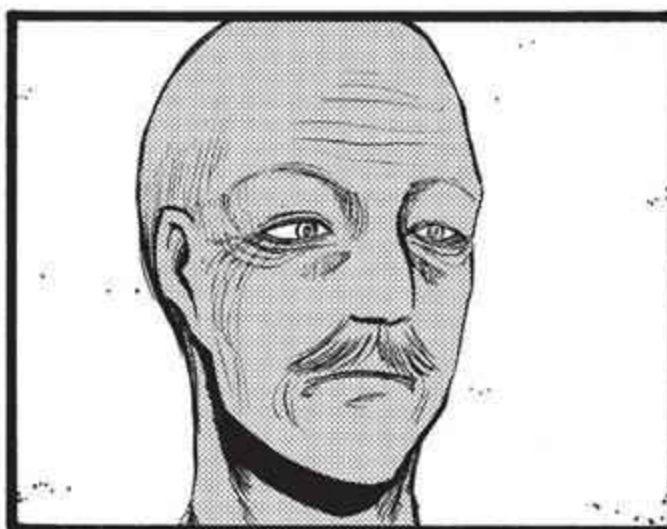
IT  
WAS  
...





...IS THAT  
EREN COULD  
TURN INTO A  
TITAN, CARRY  
THAT BOULDER  
OVER TO THE  
DESTROYED  
GATE, AND  
PLUG IT  
UP.

WHAT I  
TRIED TO  
SAY  
THEN...



OF  
COURSE, I  
WAS ALSO  
DESPERATE  
TO SAVE  
OUR OWN  
LIVES...



...BUT I WAS  
HOPING THE  
CAPTAIN WOULD  
AT LEAST SENSE  
THE POSSIBILITY  
THAT THE  
POWER EREN  
POSSESSES  
COULD HELP  
GET US OUT OF  
OUR CURRENT  
PREDICAMENT...

IT'S  
JUST A  
THOUGHT  
THAT  
OCCURRED  
TO ME...









I'LL  
SEAL IT  
OFF,  
SIR!







LET'S  
WORK  
OUT A  
STRATEGY  
!

WHERE'S  
MY  
COUNCIL  
?!



YOU'RE  
A  
REAL  
MAN!

WELL  
SAID!



HE  
MEANS  
TO  
CARRY  
IT OUT  
**NOW**  
...?!

IT WAS  
JUST AN  
IDEAL-  
ISTIC  
NOTION  
I HAD...



RIGHT  
NOW  
...?!

BUT  
...

WHA  
...?!



WHAT  
...?



THE  
TITANS  
AREN'T  
OUR ONLY  
ENEMY.



COMMANDER  
PIXIS SEES  
THE SITUATION  
CORRECTLY.

I THOUGHT  
THE SAME THING,  
BUT BEFORE WE  
ACTUALLY DO GO  
AHEAD WITH THE  
PLAN, THERE'S  
A MORE  
FUNDAMENTAL  
PROBLEM...









YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING! HOW CAN WE, WHEN WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO SEAL THAT HOLE...?!

NOW?!!

CHATTER  
CHATTER

A PLAN TO TAKE BACK TROST?!



DAMN IT... DO THE COMMANDERS WANT GLORY THAT BAD?

AS LONG AS WE CAN'T PLUG THAT HOLE... ALL WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO IS DIE DEFENDING WALL ROSE...

WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY THINKING?! SENDING US INTO TROST DISTRICT IS NOTHING BUT A DEATH SENTENCE!



LET ME SEE MY FAMILY!

NO! I DON'T WANNA DIE!

DAZ! KEEP IT DOWN!



BACK ...

...TO THAT HELL?







US  
COMMITTING  
MASS  
SUICIDE  
WON'T  
ACCOMPLISH  
ANYTHING!

YES,  
I  
DO!

DO YOU  
INTEND TO  
ABANDON  
YOUR DUTY,  
SOLDIER?!

I  
HEARD  
THAT!

YOU  
OVER  
THERE  
!

**MURMUR**  
**MURMUR**

**MURMUR**

IT'S 100  
TIMES  
BETTER  
THAN  
BEING  
EATEN BY  
A TITAN...

GO  
AHEAD  
...

YOU  
KNOW, I  
HAVE THE  
AUTHOR-  
ITY TO  
EXECUTE  
YOU  
WHERE  
YOU  
STAND!

WHAT  
ABOUT  
HUMANITY,  
BOY...  
WHAT  
ABOUT  
**DISCI-  
PLINE**  
?!



I DON'T  
BLAME HIM,  
GIVEN THE  
SITUATION  
...

HEY...  
DID YOU  
HEAR  
THAT  
...?

**MURMUR**



**MURMUR**

**MURMUR**









HUMAN  
BEINGS WERE  
CONSTANTLY  
MURDERING  
EACH OTHER  
OVER TRIBAL  
DISPUTES AND  
IDEOLOGIES.

WE'RE  
TOLD THAT  
BEFORE THE  
TITANS TOOK  
OVER THE  
LAND...



WHAT'S  
YOUR  
OPINION,  
SON?

IF A POWERFUL,  
NON-HUMAN ENEMY  
APPEARED,  
HUMANITY WOULD  
PROBABLY UNITE  
AND STOP FIGHTING  
ITSELF.

BACK THEN,  
SOMEONE  
SUPPOSEDLY  
SAID...



FRANK-  
LY, IT'S  
DULL.

I THINK  
IT'S  
PRETTY  
ROSY.

BUT  
...

I'VE  
NEVER  
HEARD  
THAT  
LEGEND...



...I THINK  
WE'RE FAR  
FROM  
UNITED.

EVEN  
NOW,  
WHEN THAT  
"POWERFUL  
ENEMY"  
HAS DRIVEN  
US INTO A  
CORNER  
...



YOUR  
PERSONALITY'S  
JUST AS  
TWISTED AS  
MINE.

HA  
HA  
HA  
...





INDEED...  
BUT I BELIEVE  
IF WE DON'T ALL  
COME TOGETHER  
SOON... EVEN  
CONTINUING TO  
FIGHT MAY BE TOO  
MUCH FOR  
US...





**ATT  
EN...**



**TWITCH  
TWITCH**

**...T  
I  
OO  
O  
O  
N!**







THE GOAL  
OF THIS  
OPERATION  
WILL BE TO  
PLUG--



I WILL NOW  
EXPLAIN OUR  
STRATEGY TO  
RECAPTURE  
TROST  
DISTRICT!!




...IN THE  
BROKEN  
GATE!!

...THE HOLE...



HOW  
...

PLUG  
THE  
HOLE  
...?



WHAT  
THE  
...?!



...





...EREN  
YEAGER,  
OF THE  
TRAINING  
CORPS!

WE HAVE A  
WAY TO SEAL  
THE HOLE,  
BUT FIRST I  
WANT TO  
INTRODUCE  
YOU TO...



...THE  
HELL  
DO WE  
DO  
THAT?



!!



EREN  
?!

WHA  
--?!  
E...



HE IS ABLE  
TO PURIFY  
THE BODY  
OF A TITAN  
AND  
CONTROL IT  
AT WILL!

WE'VE BEEN  
CONDUCTING  
TOP SECRET  
EXPERIMENTS  
ON TITAN  
TRANSFORMA-  
TION, AND THIS  
SOLDIER IS  
OUR FIRST  
SUCCESS!





WHAT  
?!



KEEP  
YOUR TRAP  
SHUT FOR A  
MINUTE...  
IDIOT.

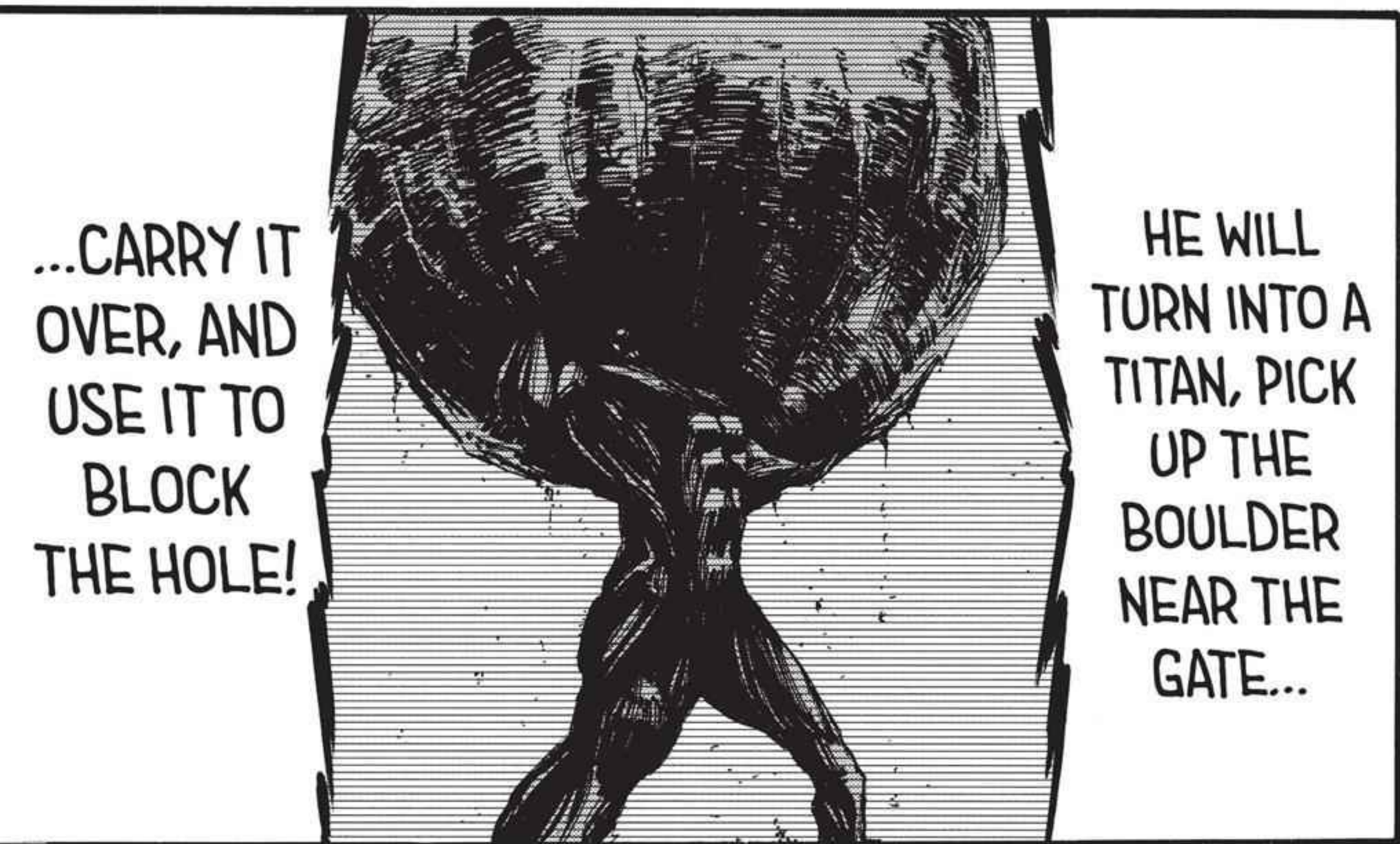
WELL  
?!

MUMBLE

...OR  
AM I  
JUST  
AN  
IDIOT  
?!

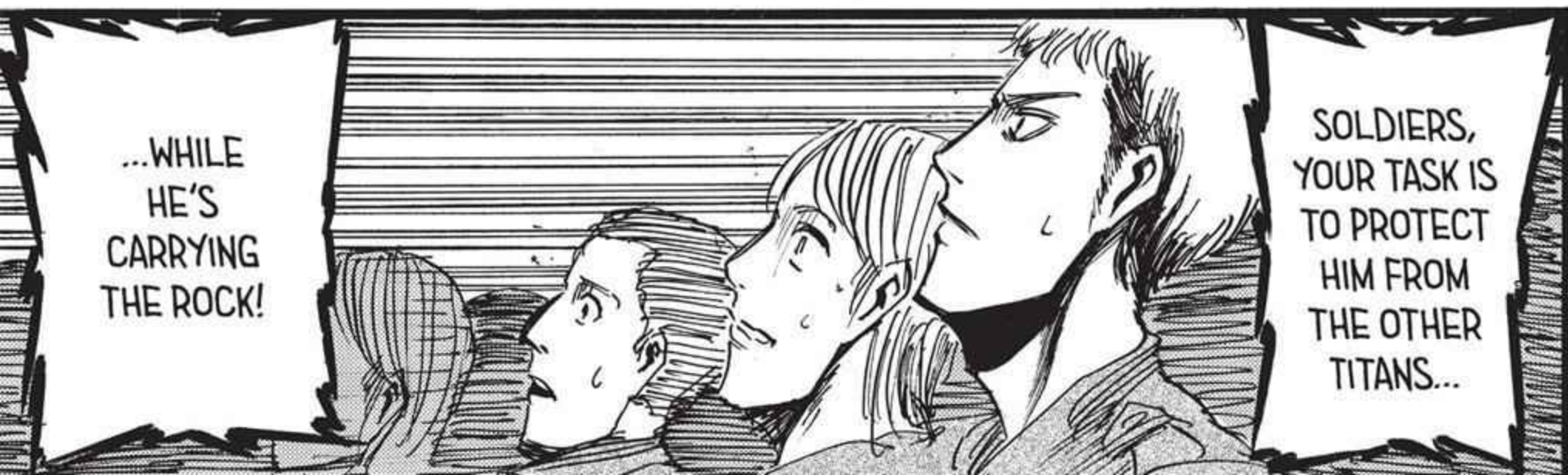
MUMBLE

HEY... I  
MUST'VE  
MISHEARD  
THE  
COM-  
MANDER  
JUST  
NOW...



...CARRY IT  
OVER, AND  
USE IT TO  
BLOCK  
THE HOLE!

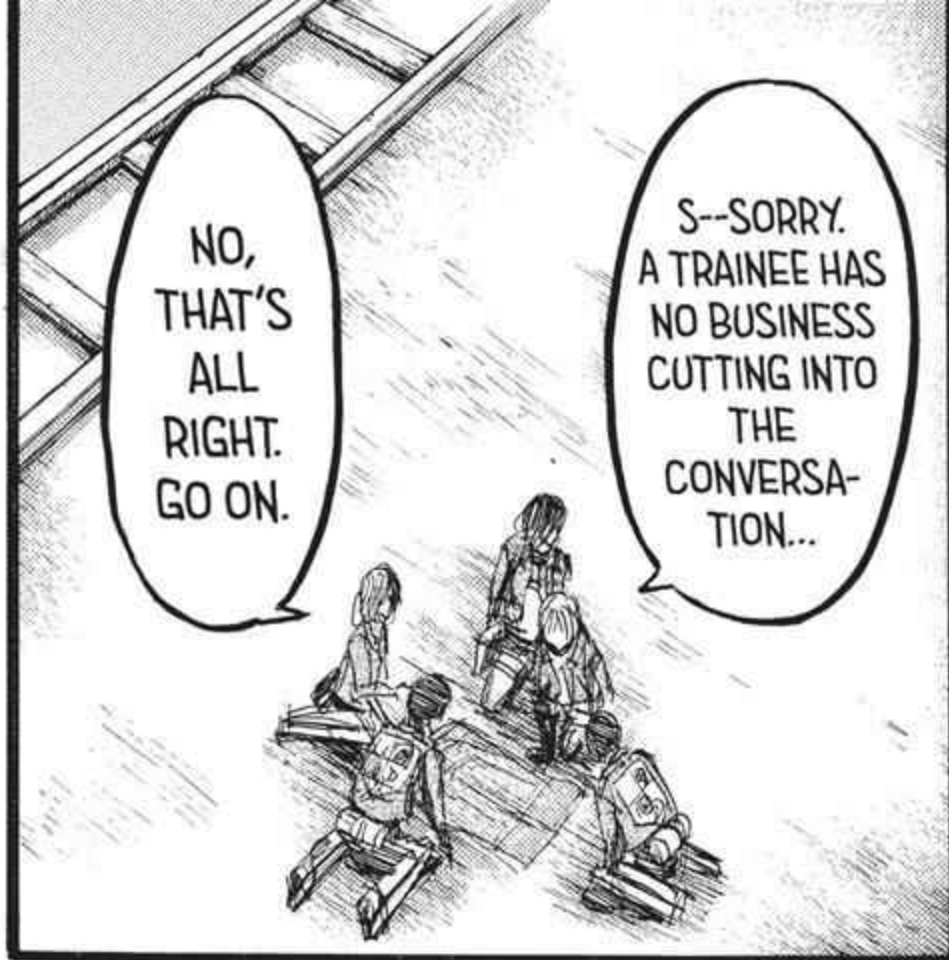
HE WILL  
TURN INTO A  
TITAN, PICK  
UP THE  
BOULDER  
NEAR THE  
GATE...



...WHILE  
HE'S  
CARRYING  
THE ROCK!

SOLDIERS,  
YOUR TASK IS  
TO PROTECT  
HIM FROM  
THE OTHER  
TITANS...



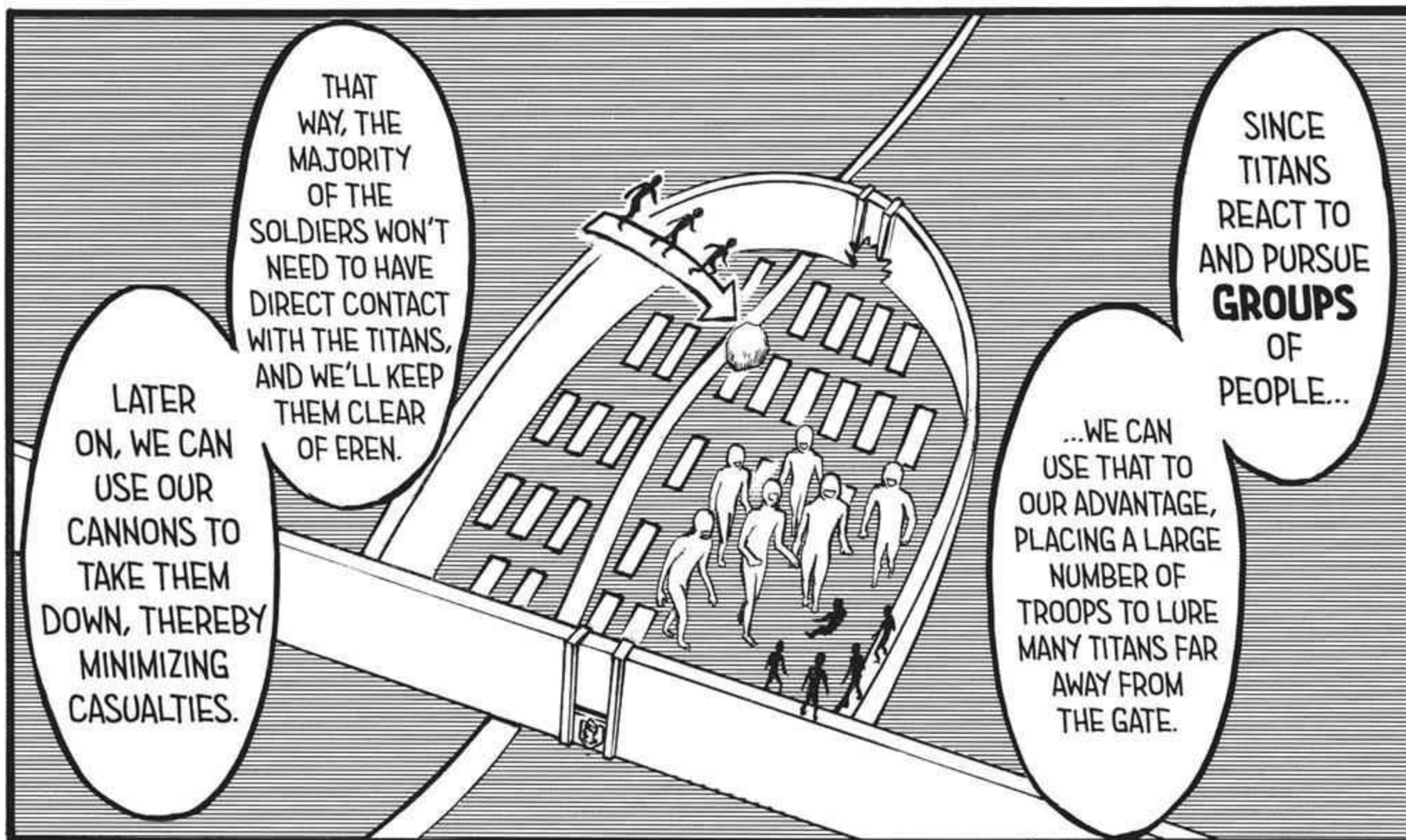


NO,  
THAT'S  
ALL  
RIGHT.  
GO ON.

S--SORRY.  
A TRAINEE HAS  
NO BUSINESS  
CUTTING INTO  
THE CONVERSA-  
TION...



WE  
WON'T  
NEED TO  
ENGAGE  
THE  
TITANS?

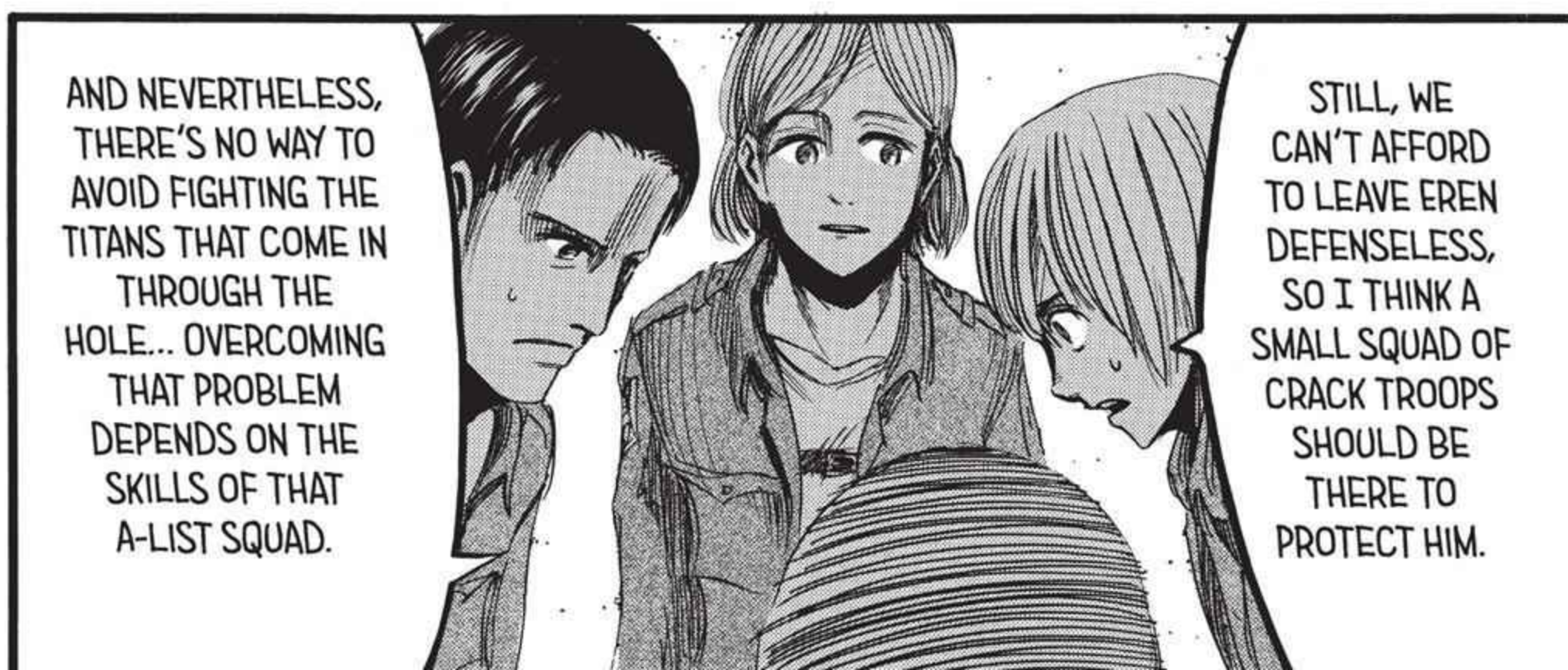


LATER  
ON, WE CAN  
USE OUR  
CANNONS TO  
TAKE THEM  
DOWN, THEREBY  
MINIMIZING  
CASUALTIES.

THAT  
WAY, THE  
MAJORITY  
OF THE  
SOLDIERS WON'T  
NEED TO HAVE  
DIRECT CONTACT  
WITH THE TITANS,  
AND WE'LL KEEP  
THEM CLEAR  
OF EREN.

SINCE  
TITANS  
REACT TO  
AND PURSUE  
**GROUPS**  
OF  
PEOPLE...

...WE CAN  
USE THAT TO  
OUR ADVANTAGE,  
PLACING A LARGE  
NUMBER OF  
TROOPS TO LURE  
MANY TITANS FAR  
AWAY FROM  
THE GATE.



AND NEVERTHELESS,  
THERE'S NO WAY TO  
AVOID FIGHTING THE  
TITANS THAT COME IN  
THROUGH THE  
HOLE... OVERCOMING  
THAT PROBLEM  
DEPENDS ON THE  
SKILLS OF THAT  
A-LIST SQUAD.

STILL, WE  
CAN'T AFFORD  
TO LEAVE EREN  
DEFENSELESS,  
SO I THINK A  
SMALL SQUAD OF  
CRACK TROOPS  
SHOULD BE  
THERE TO  
PROTECT HIM.



SINCE  
WE'VE GOT NO  
GUARANTEE OF  
THAT, I HAVE  
MY DOUBTS  
ABOUT THE  
OPERATION.

THE PLAN IS  
PREDICATED  
ON EREN  
CARRYING THE  
ROCK AND  
PLUGGING  
THE HOLE.

THE  
ONLY  
THING  
IS...

ALL RIGHT,  
GOT IT...  
LET'S  
REVISE THE  
PLAN BASED  
ON YOUR  
IDEAS.

EVEN  
AS WE  
SPEAK, THE  
TITANS ARE  
STILL  
SPILLING  
THROUGH  
THE GAP.

ONE  
FACTOR  
IS  
TIME.

...BUT  
I CAN  
UNDER-  
STAND  
WHERE  
COM-  
MANDER  
PIXIS IS  
COMING  
FROM.

IT'S NATURAL  
TO FEEL SOME  
DOUBT SENDING  
HUNDREDS OF  
TROOPS TO THEIR  
LIKELY DEATHS  
WHEN THE CORE  
OF THE STRATEGY  
IS UNCERTAIN...

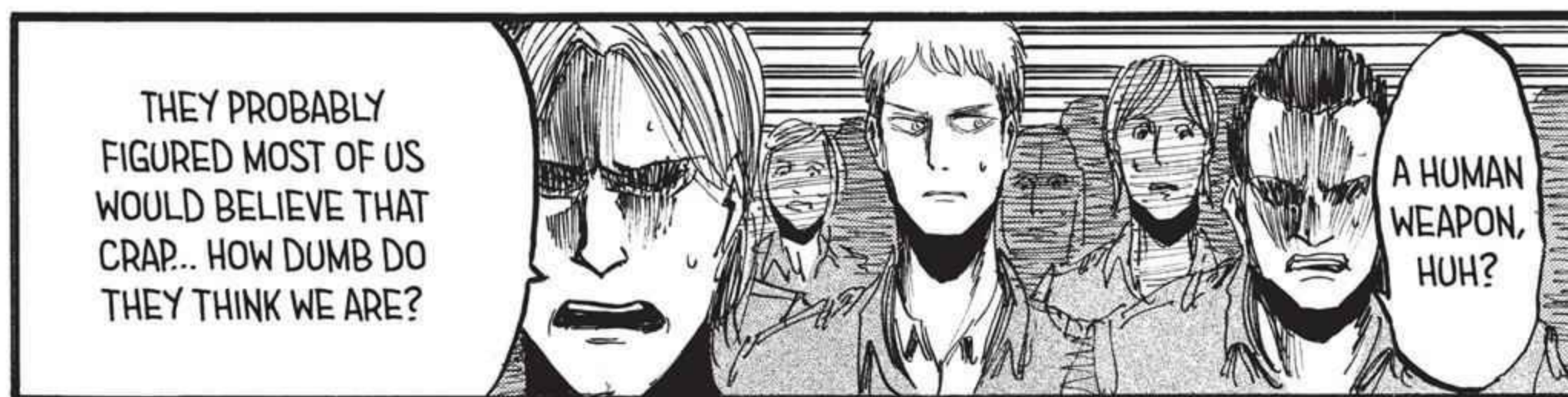
BESIDES THAT, THE  
LONGER WE WAIT,  
THE HIGHER THE  
PROBABILITY THAT  
WALL ROSE WILL BE  
BREACHED, TOO.

WE'LL HAVE NO  
PRACTICAL HOPE  
OF RETAKING THE  
TOWN ONCE IT'S  
FILLED UP WITH  
TITANS.

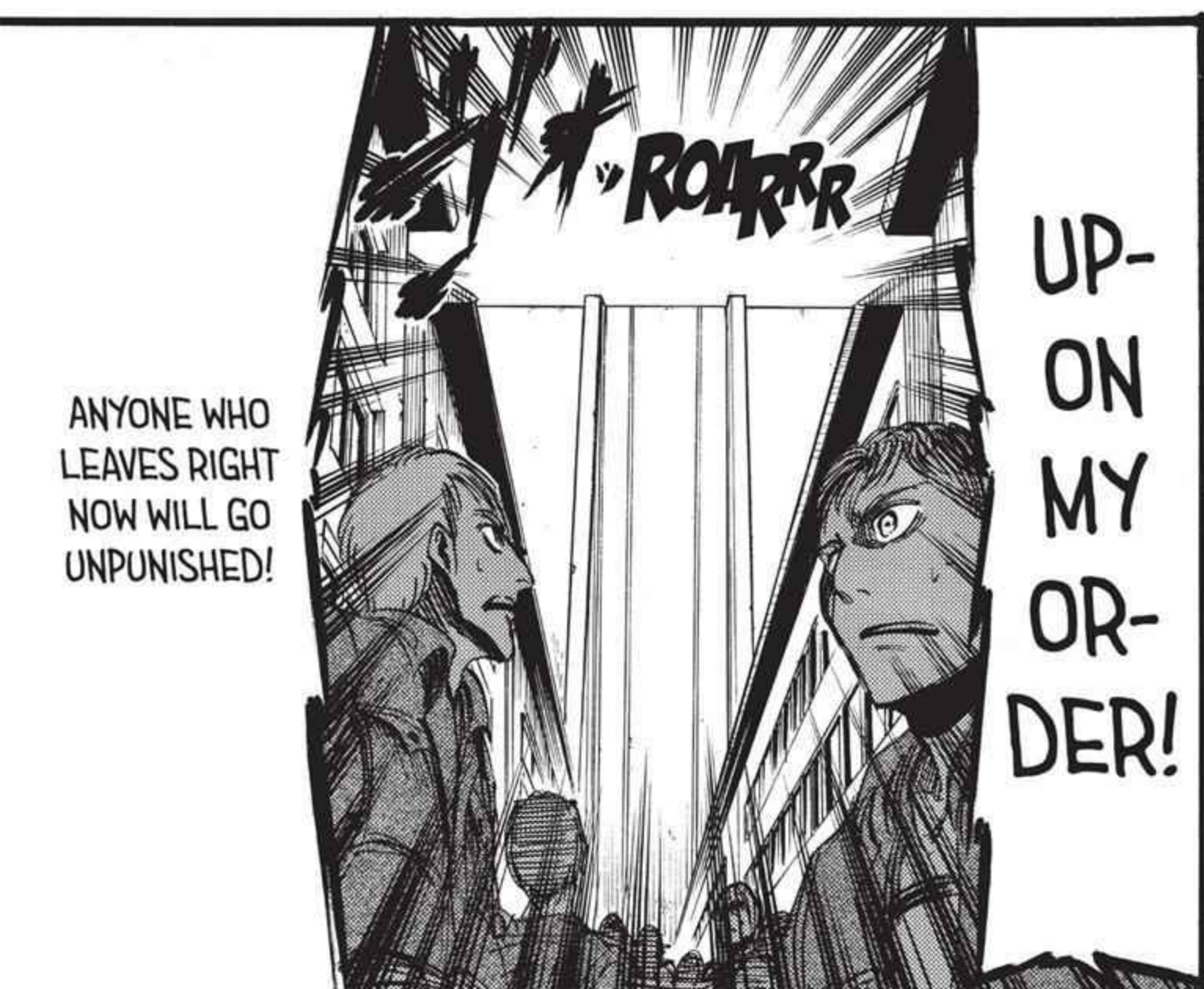
THERE'S A  
LIMIT TO HOW  
FAR PEOPLE  
CAN BE PUSHED  
BY FEAR  
ALONE...

AND  
THERE'S  
ONE  
MORE  
REASON.

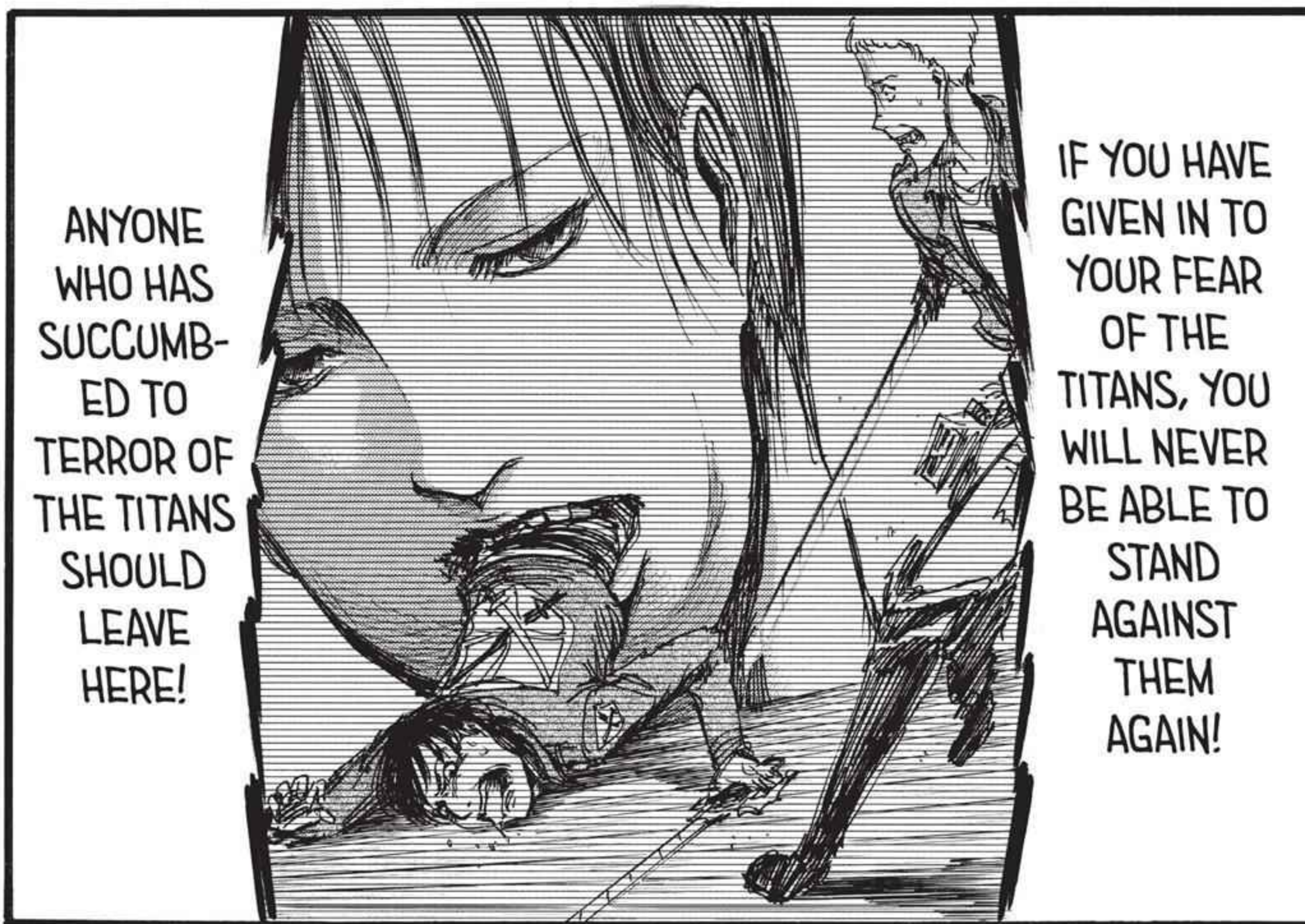










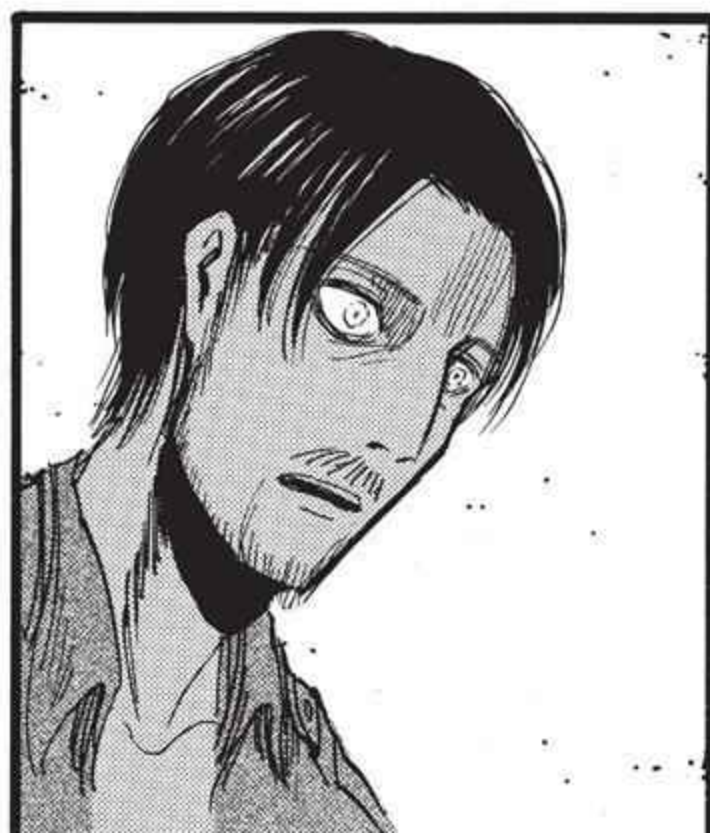
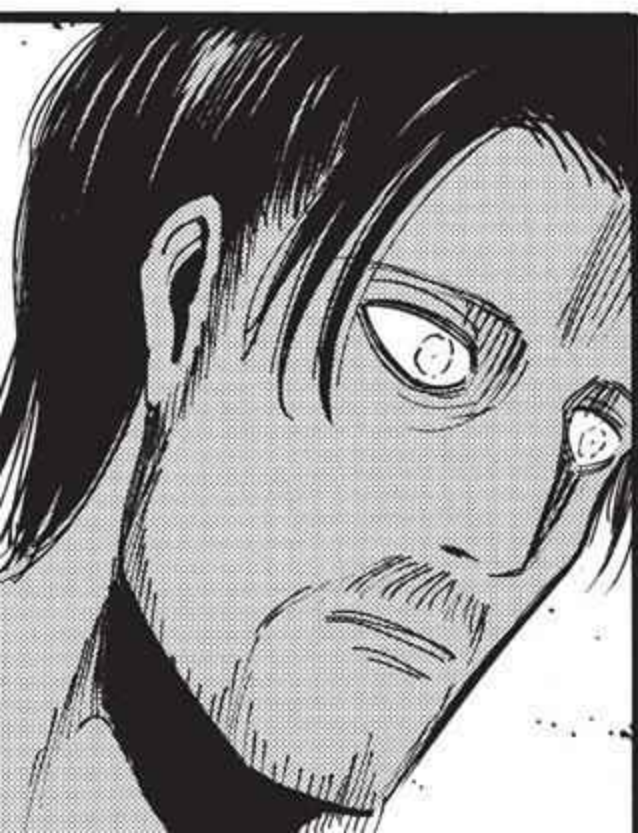




SHOULD  
LEAVE  
AS  
WELL!!

ROARRR

ANYONE  
WHO WANTS  
THEIR  
PARENTS,  
SIBLINGS  
AND LOVED  
ONES TO  
FEEL THAT  
SAME  
TERROR  
FOR THEM-  
SELVES...











...BUT I  
UNDERSTAND  
MY ROLE.

I DON'T KNOW  
IF I WILL BE  
STRONG  
ENOUGH AS A  
TITAN TO PICK  
UP THAT  
ROCK...



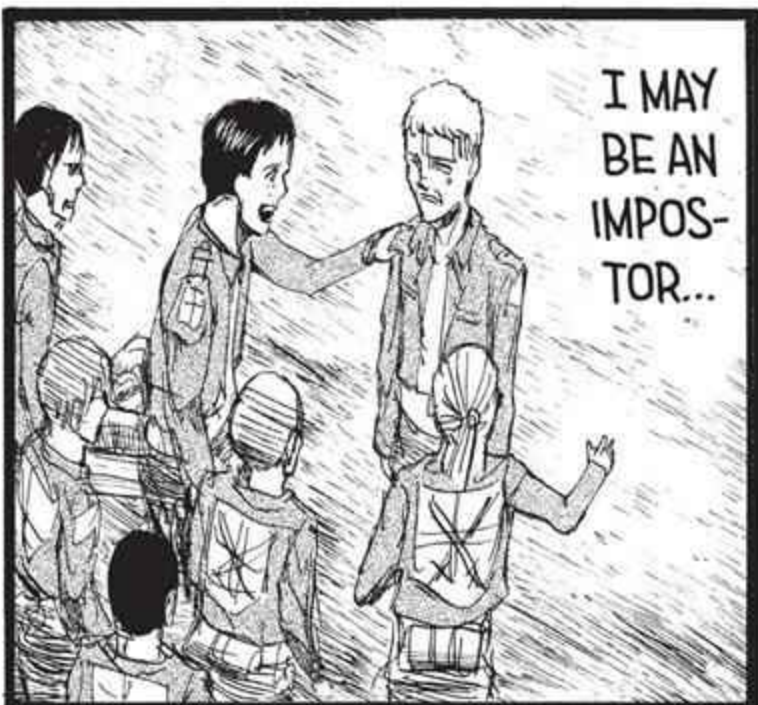
I...

HAVE TO  
BECOME...



...BUT EVEN SO...

...I HAVE TO  
SUCCEED.



I MAY  
BE AN IMPOS-  
TOR...



...EVERYONE'S  
HOPE.



ABOUT  
THE  
OPERATION  
TO  
RECLAIM  
WALL  
MARIA!

LET'S  
TALK  
ABOUT  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
FOUR  
YEARS  
AGO!



*FWOOO*

BUT IT WAS  
REALLY JUST A  
WAY FOR AN  
OVERBUR-  
DENED  
GOVERNMENT  
TO REDUCE  
THE NUMBER OF  
UNEMPLOYED  
THEY HAD TO  
FEED!

"OPERATION  
TO  
RECLAIM"  
SOUNDS  
GOOD,  
DOESN'T  
IT?

I DON'T  
THINK I  
NEED TO  
REMIND  
YOU OF  
IT...



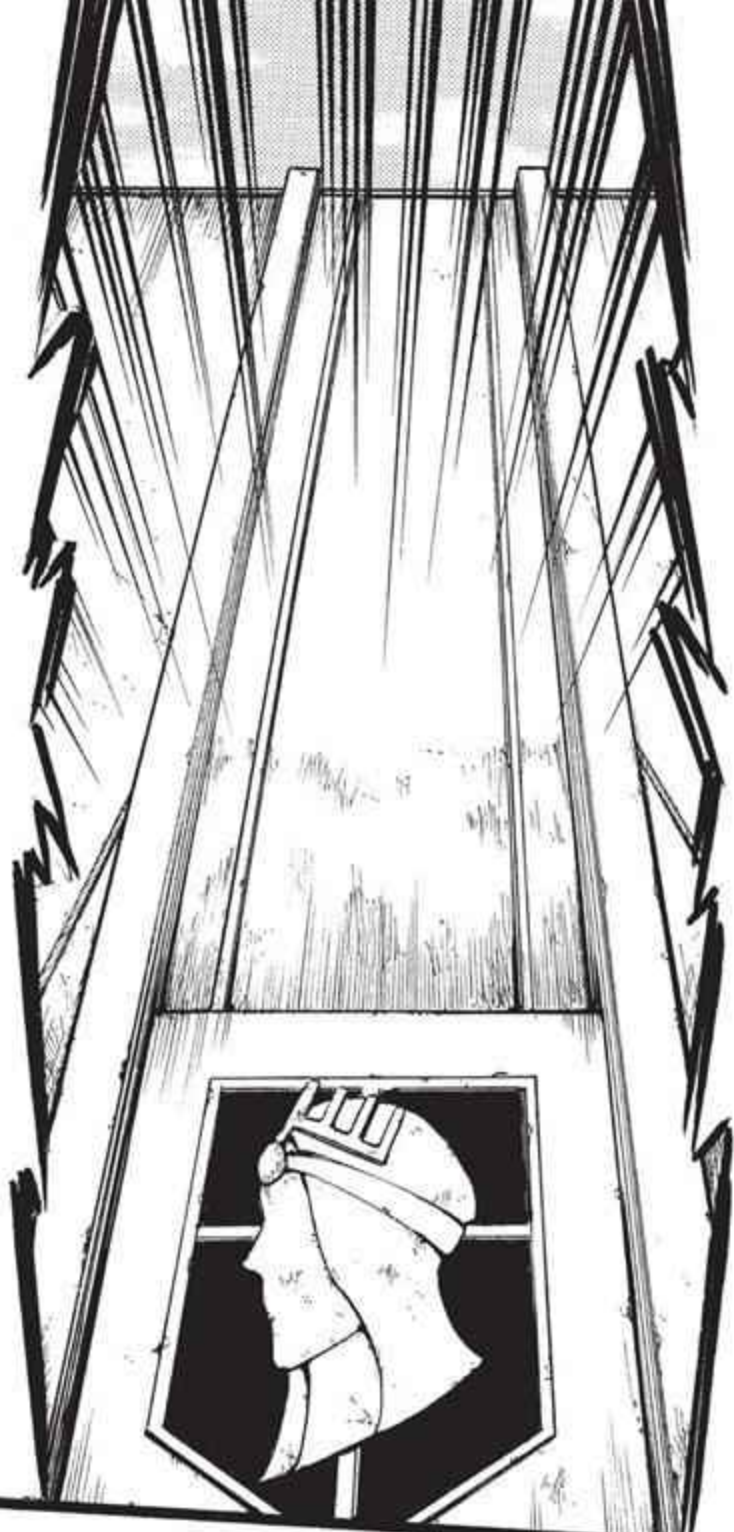
...BECAUSE YOUR  
BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS IN ARMS WERE  
FORCED TO GO  
OUTSIDE IT! THAT SIN  
BELONGS TO ALL OF  
HUMANITY, INCLUDING  
ME!!

WHAT NO ONE  
DARES TO SAY IS  
THAT WE HAVE BEEN  
ABLE TO SURVIVE  
WITHIN THE WALL'S  
NARROW  
CONFINES...





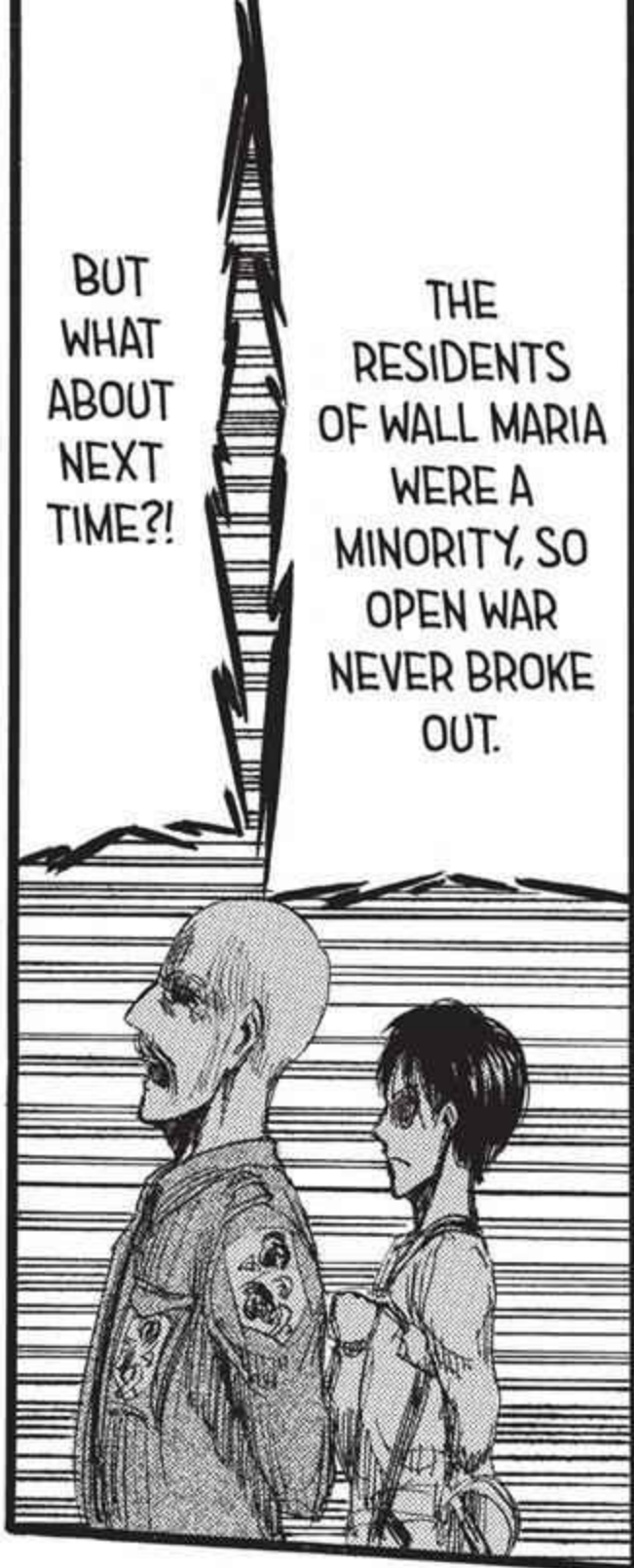
BEHIND  
OUR FINAL  
BARRIER,  
WALL  
SHEENA,  
WE COULD  
ONLY  
AFFORD  
TO FEED  
HALF OF  
THE  
WORLD'S  
SURVIVING  
HUMAN  
BEINGS!



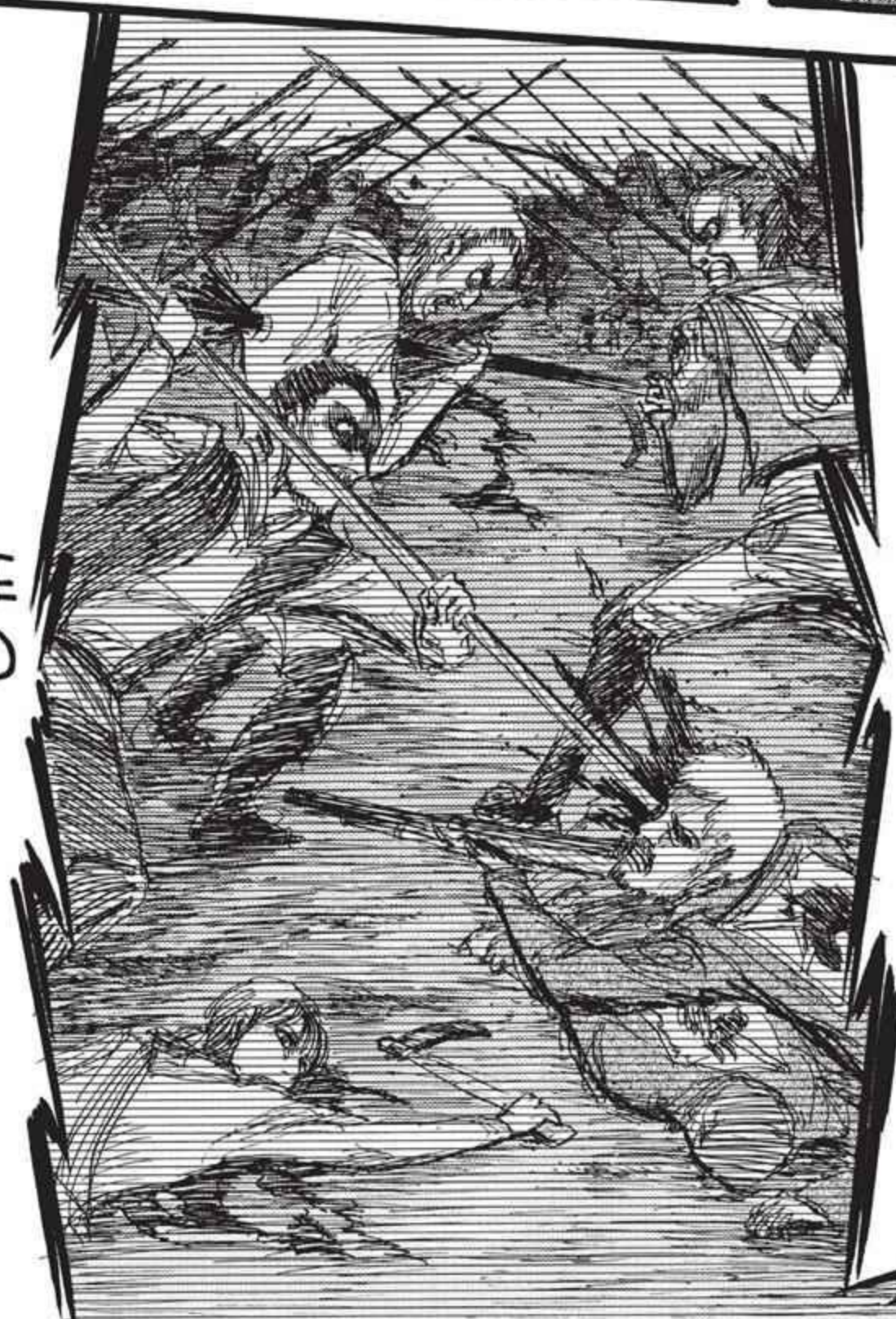
IF WALL  
ROSE IS  
BREACHED,  
IT WON'T BE  
NEARLY  
ENOUGH TO  
SACRIFICE  
20% OF THE  
POPULATION!

BUT  
WHAT  
ABOUT  
NEXT  
TIME?!

THE  
RESIDENTS  
OF WALL MARIA  
WERE A  
MINORITY, SO  
OPEN WAR  
NEVER BROKE  
OUT.



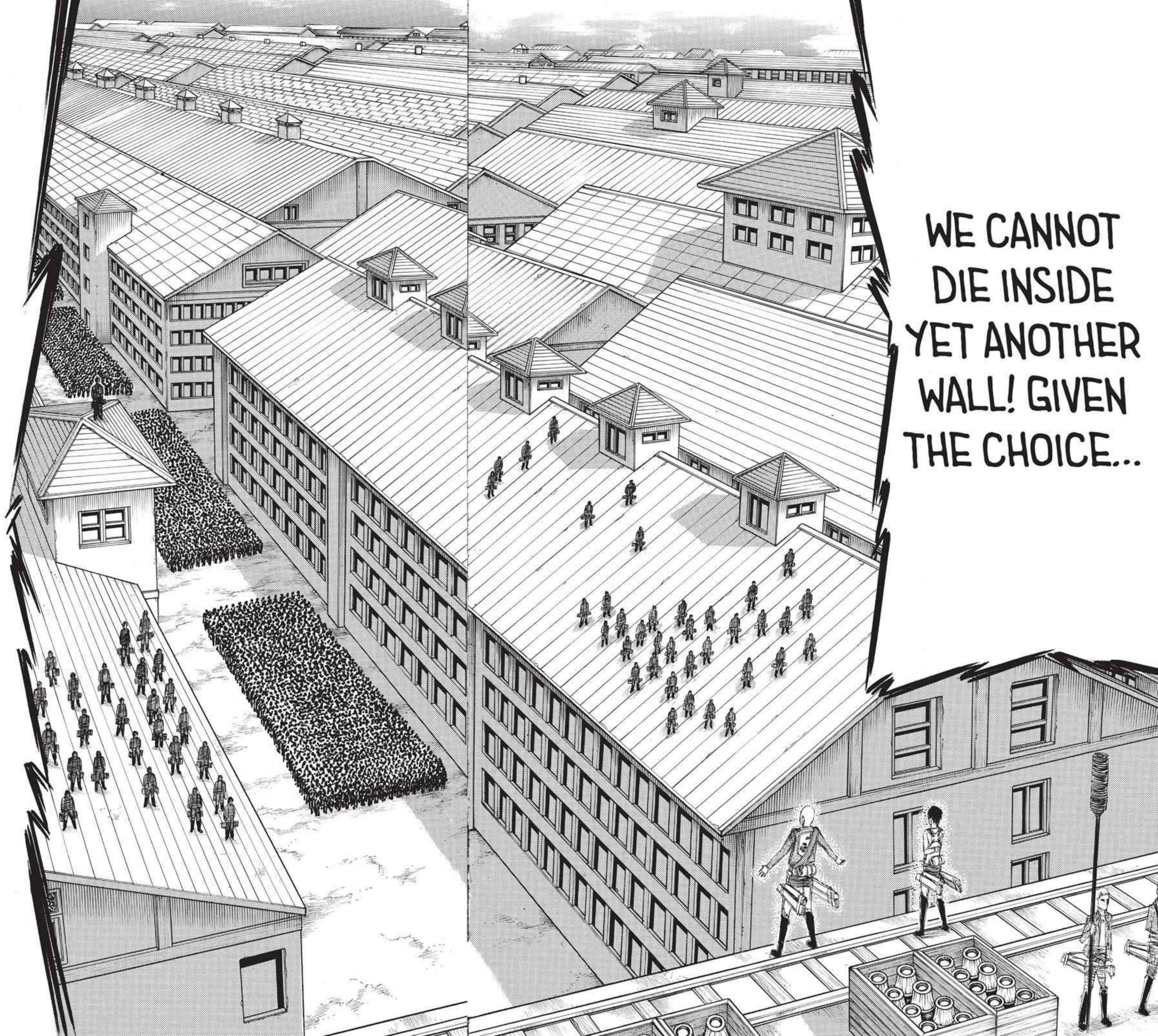
IT WILL BE  
BECAUSE WE  
ANNIHILATED  
EACH  
OTHER!



IF  
HUMANITY  
DIES OUT,  
IT WON'T  
BE  
BECAUSE  
THE TITANS  
DEVOURED  
US!



**DEFEAT!**



WE CANNOT  
DIE INSIDE  
YET ANOTHER  
WALL! GIVEN  
THE CHOICE...









A LOT  
BETTER  
THAN WHEN  
WE WERE  
SURROUND-  
ED...

ALL  
RIGHT  
...

EREN...  
HOW DO  
YOU  
FEEL?

**HYOOOOOOO**



R-  
RIGHT  
!

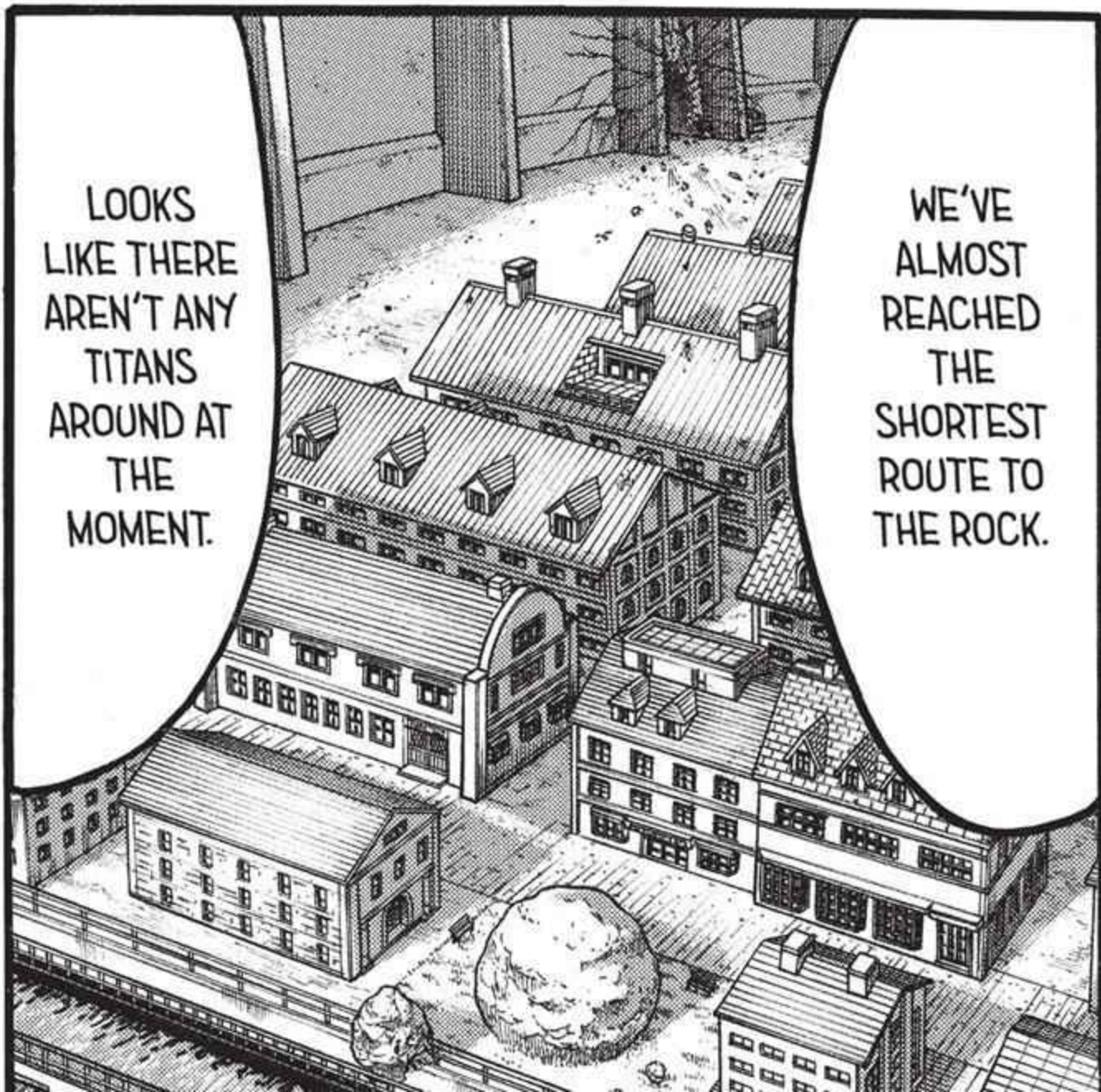
WE'RE  
COUNT-  
ING ON  
YOU!

...BUT IF  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO PLUG UP THAT  
HOLE, I DON'T  
CARE WHAT YOU  
ARE... MY TOP  
PRIORITY IS  
PROTECTING  
YOU.

HE  
CALLED  
YOU A TOP  
SECRET  
HUMAN  
WEAPON  
OR  
SOME-  
THING...



GOOD  
SIGN THAT  
EVERYONE  
ELSE IS  
SUCCESS-  
FULLY  
LURING  
THEM  
AWAY.



LOOKS  
LIKE THERE  
AREN'T ANY  
TITANS  
AROUND AT  
THE  
MOMENT.

WE'VE  
ALMOST  
REACHED  
THE  
SHORTEST  
ROUTE TO  
THE ROCK.



...HUMANITY  
HASN'T  
BEATEN THEM,  
NOT ONCE.

SINCE THE  
TITANS  
APPEARED...

...WE'VE BEEN  
STRIPPED OF  
ALL BUT A  
SLIVER OF OUR  
TERRITORY.

WITH THEM  
ALWAYS  
ADVANCING...

...AND  
HUMANITY  
ALWAYS  
RETREATING...

...IT WILL BE THE  
FIRST TIME WE'VE  
EVER TAKEN OUR  
LAND BACK!

BUT  
WHEN THIS  
OPERATION  
SUCCEEDS...





HERE!

AND  
IN THAT  
MOMENT

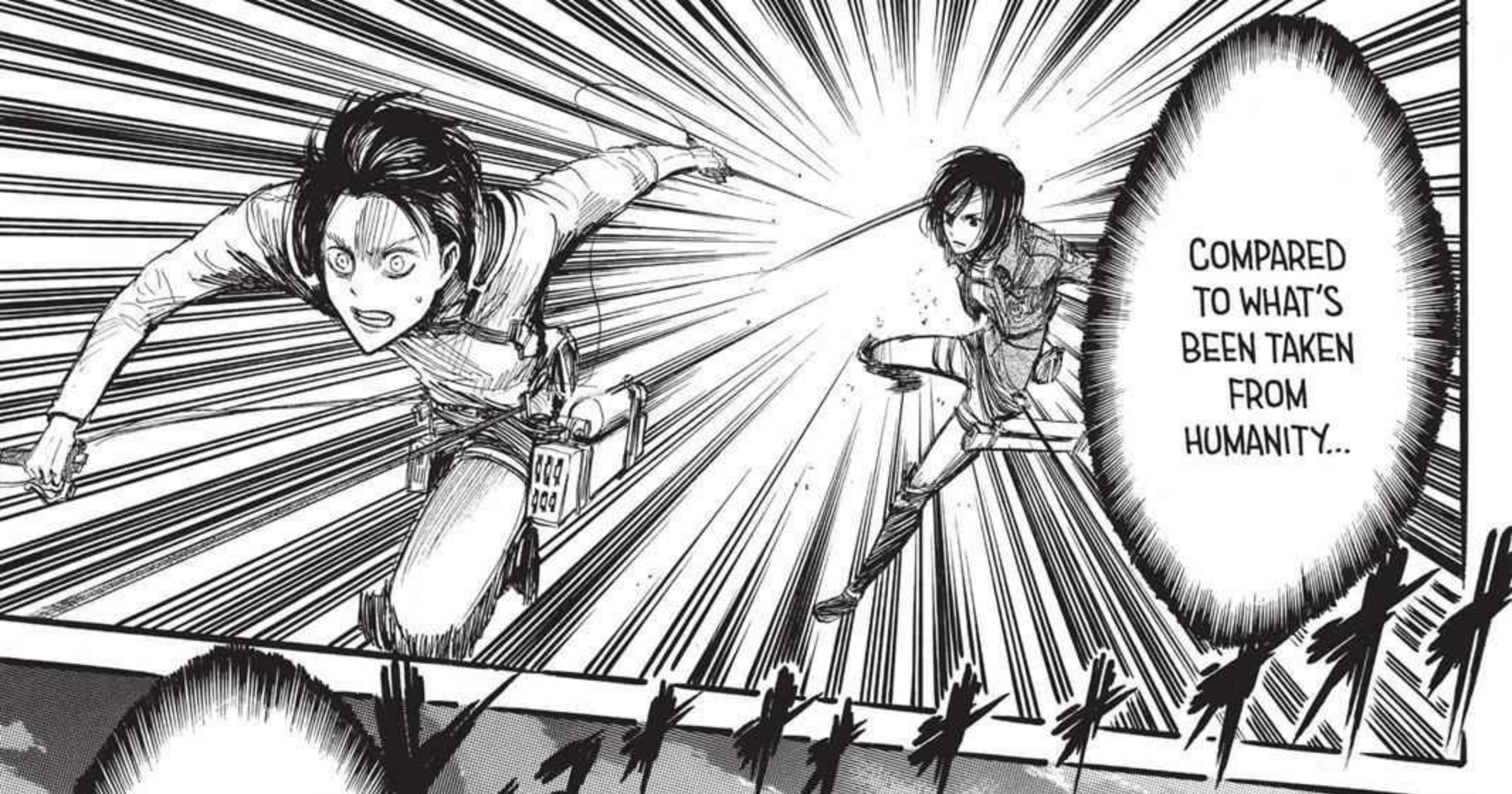
...FOR  
THE  
FIRST  
TIME...

...WE'LL  
TRIUMPH  
OVER THE  
TITANS!

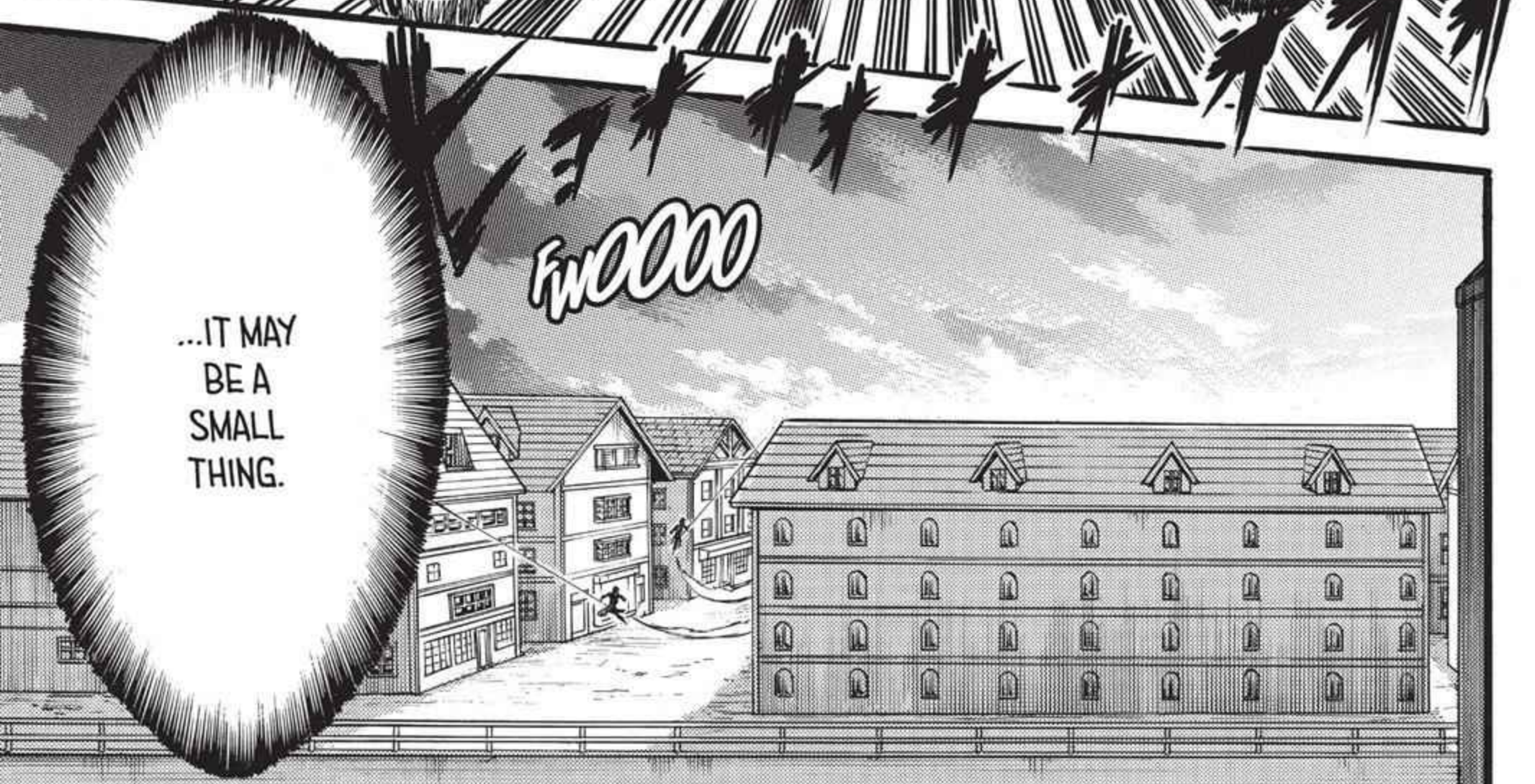




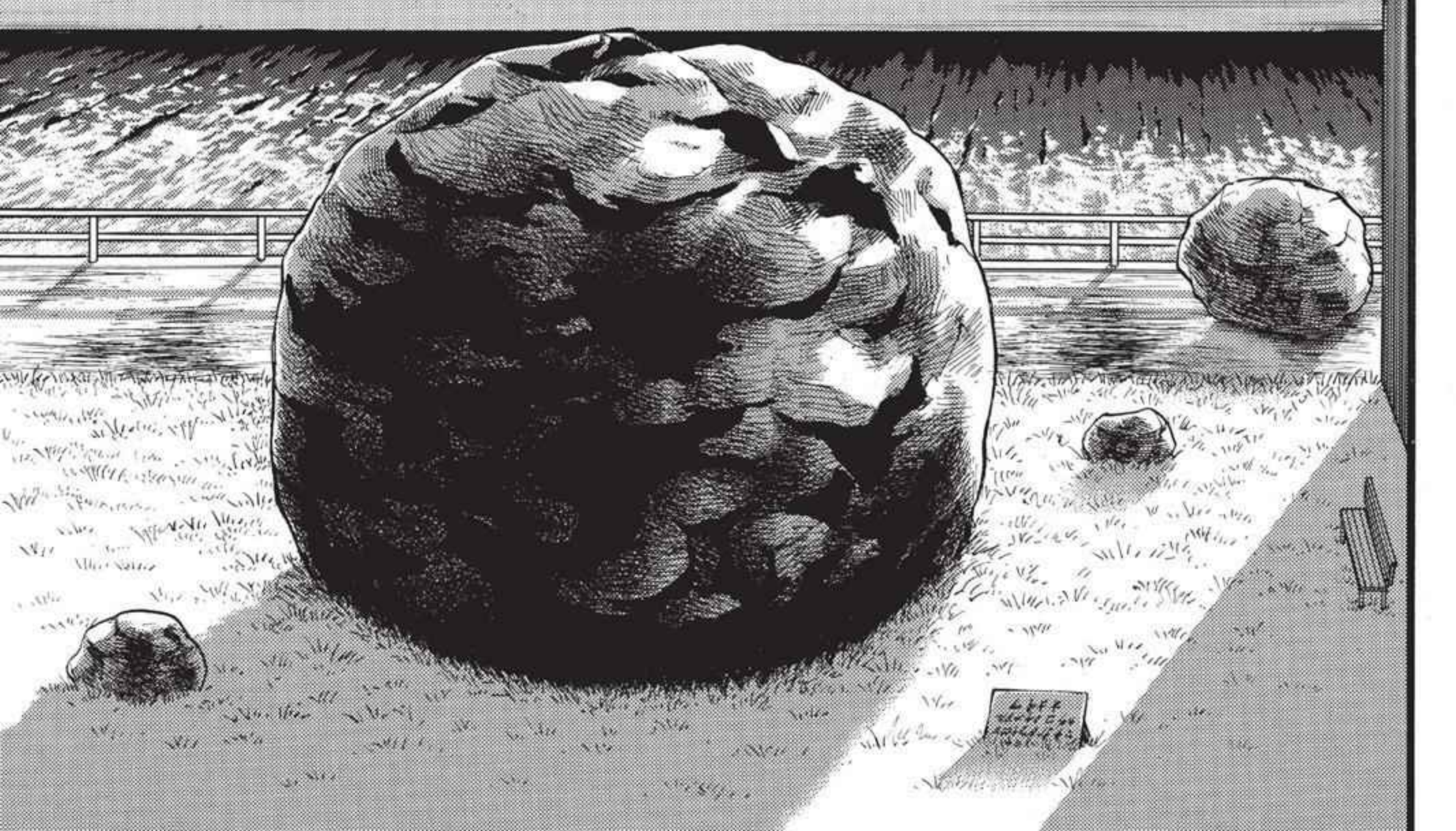




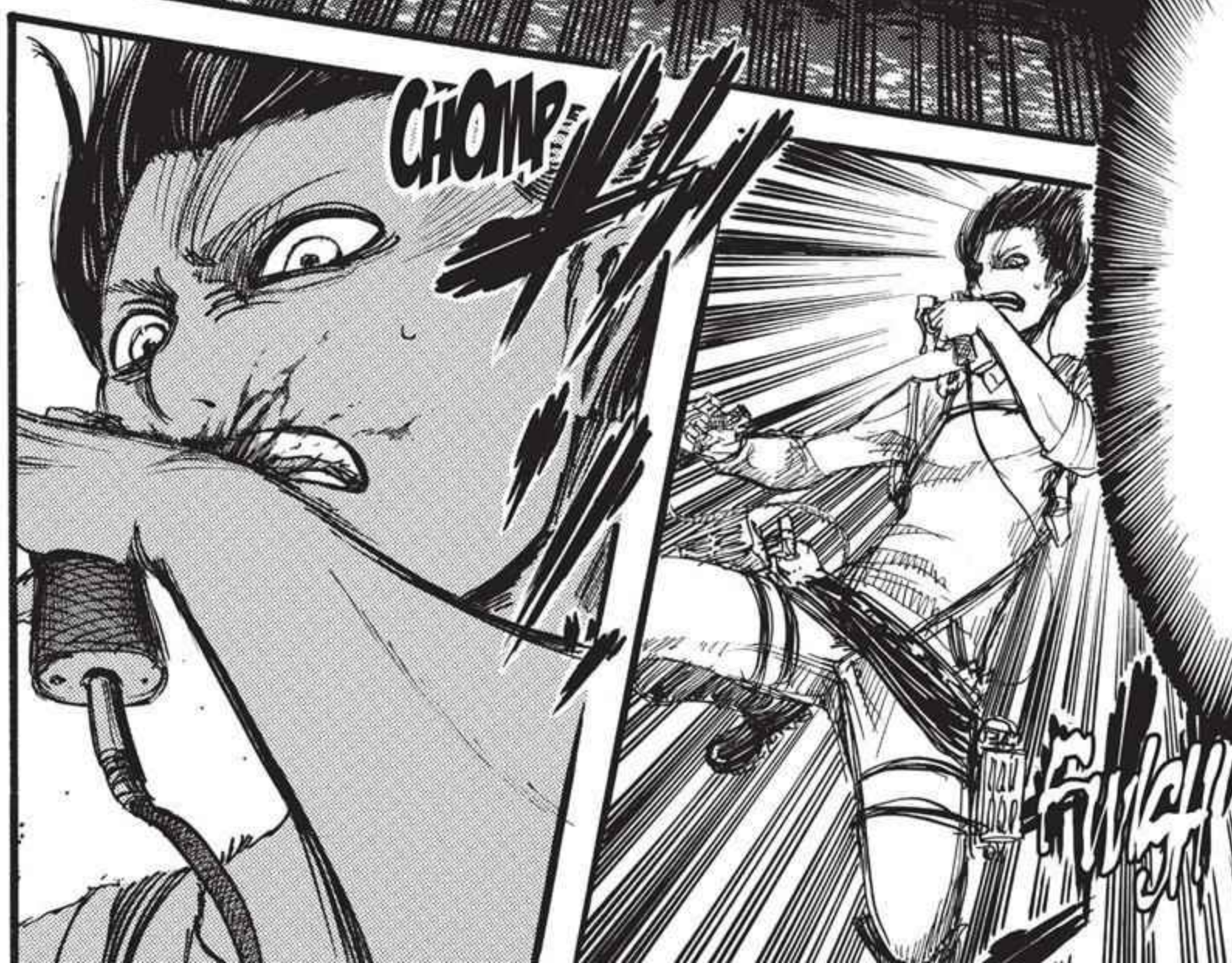
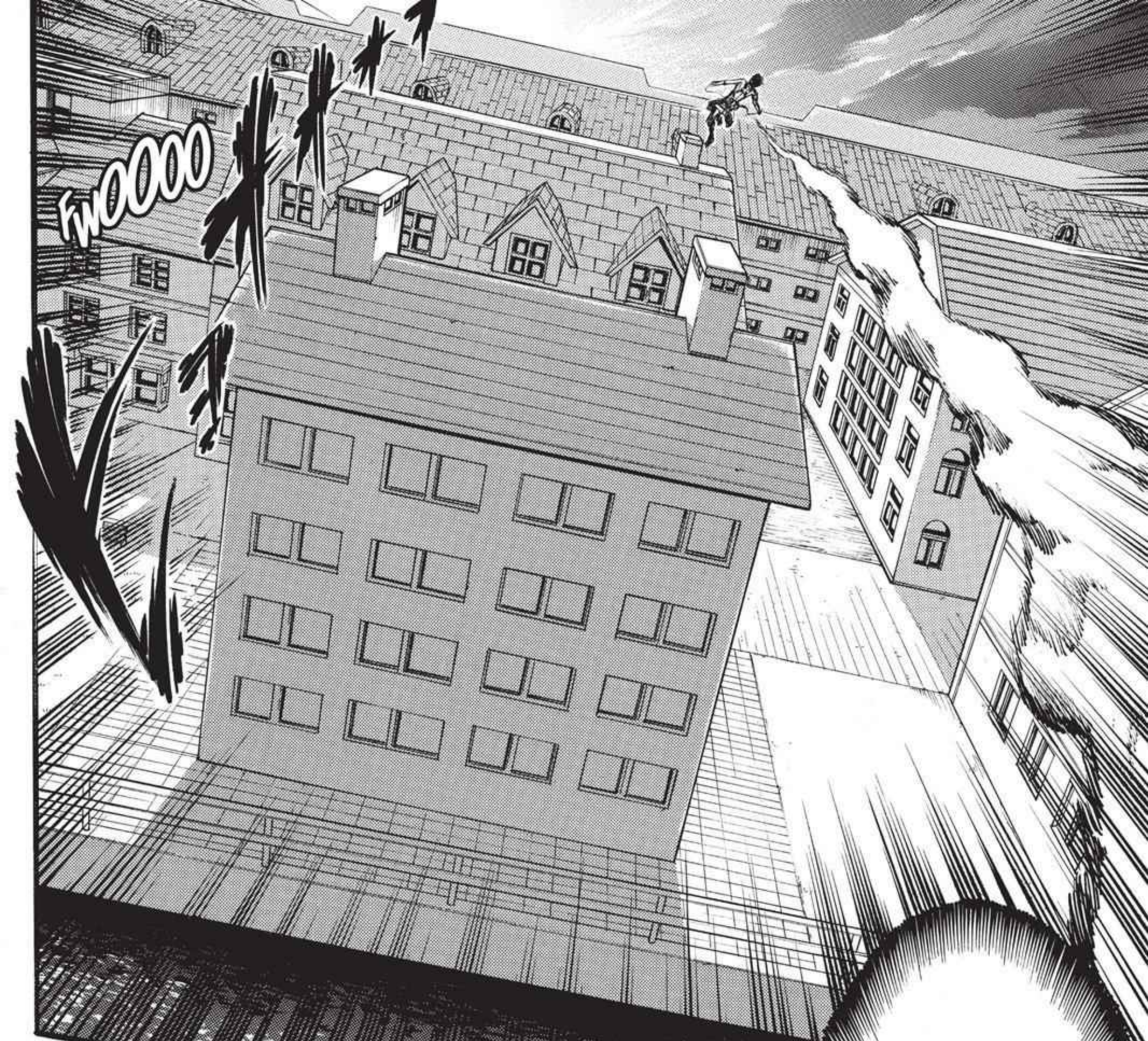
COMPARED  
TO WHAT'S  
BEEN TAKEN  
FROM  
HUMANITY...



...IT MAY  
BE A  
SMALL  
THING.







BUT IT WILL  
MEAN WE'VE  
FINALLY  
MANAGED...



...AN  
ATTACK  
ON THE  
TITANS.











BA TON

ooooo

oooo

GRO

NCH









BY  
HUMAN  
STAND-  
ARDS  
...

CRACK  
CRACK



...THAT  
ROCK IS  
WAY TOO  
HEAVY TO  
LIFT ...

WHUD  
WHUD



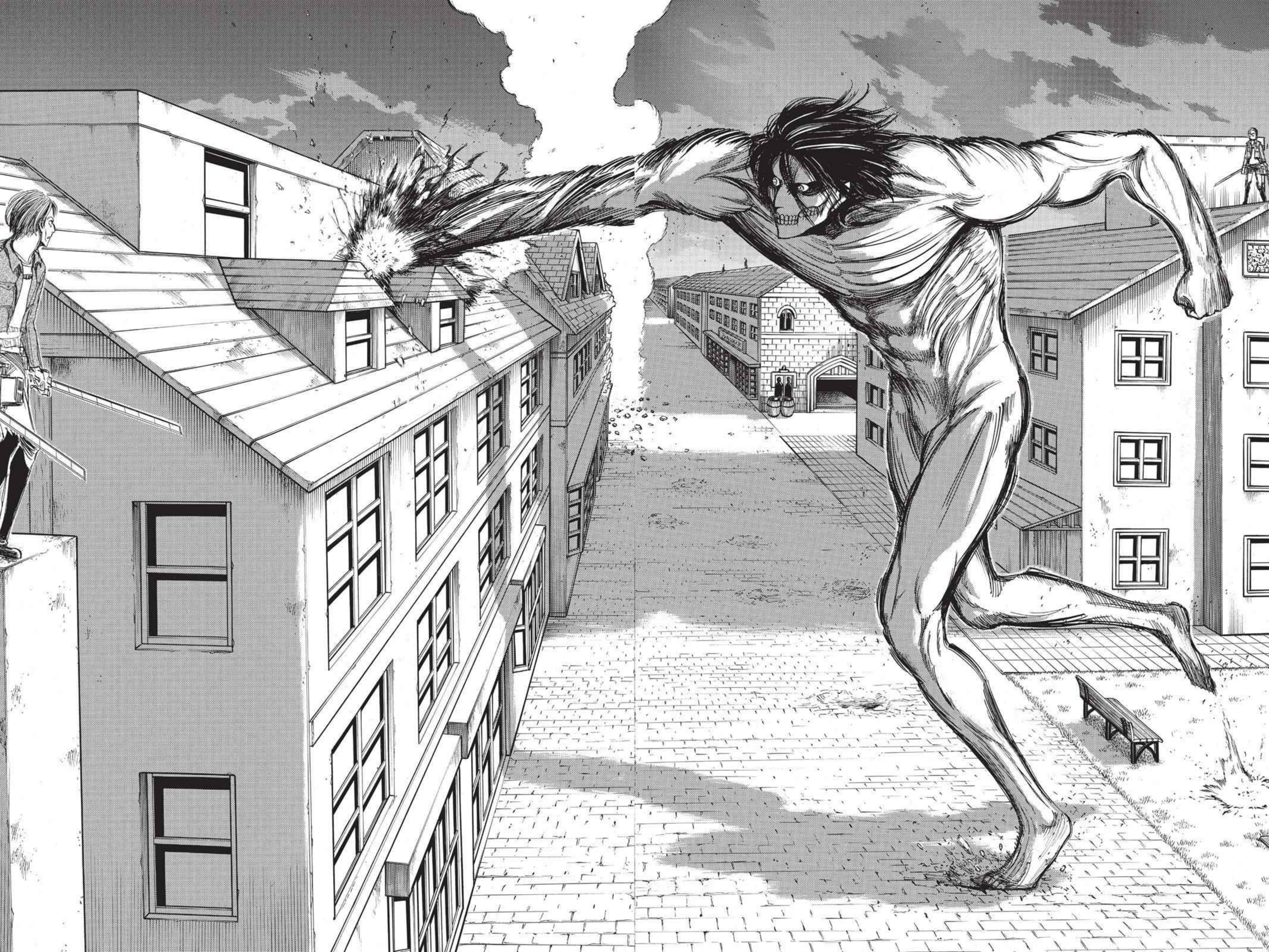
EREN  
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